

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1952

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served January 9, 1979

Application of AIRPORT LIMO, INC.,)
for a Certificate to Perform Charter)
Operations Pursuant to Four)
Contracts)

Case No. AP-78-56

By application filed December 29, 1978, Airport Limo, Inc., seeks a certificate of public convenience and necessity to transport, in charter operations pursuant to contract, over irregular routes, (a) airlines crews of Braniff Airlines, Eastern Airlines and Air France (i) between Dulles International Airport, Herndon, Va., and Washington National Airport, Gravelly Point, Va., on the one hand, and, on the other, points in the Metropolitan District, (ii) between Dulles International Airport and Washington National Airport via Columbia Island, a point located in the District of Columbia, and (iii) between Washington National Airport and Andrews Air Force Base, Md., and (b) guests of the Springfield Hilton Hotel between the Springfield Hilton Hotel, 6501 Loisdale Court, Springfield, Va., and the Capital Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C. Service is to be performed in 11-passenger vans, although the application contains no specific restriction to this effect. Airport Limo now operates 14 such vehicles and plans to acquire three more vans to provide the services for which authority is requested.

For service performed pursuant to contracts with Eastern Airlines, Braniff Airlines and Air France, applicant proposes the following rate structure.

Eastern Airlines

Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport	\$17.95
Washington National Airport and District of Columbia <u>1/</u>	6.50
Dulles International Airport and District of Columbia <u>1/</u>	17.95

1/ Although the application embraces points in the Metropolitan District, no rates are proposed for such points that are not also located in the District of Columbia.

Air France

Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport	\$28.50
Washington National Airport and District of Columbia <u>1/</u>	6.50
Dulles International Airport and District of Columbia <u>1/</u>	28.50

Braniff Airlines

Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport	\$28.50
Washington National Airport and District of Columbia <u>1/</u>	6.50
Dulles International Airport and District of Columbia <u>1/</u>	28.50
Washington National Airport and Andrews Air Force Base	25.00

Assertedly, the higher fares to be charged Air France and Braniff Airlines result from the limited number of trips to be provided for those contractors. Service to be provided for the Springfield Hilton Hotel would be billed at "\$60 per day of service or \$5 per passenger, whichever is greater". However, this proposal appears to ignore an essential distinction between charter operations and special operations. 2/

Pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 4(b) of the Compact, this matter will be scheduled for a public hearing. Airport Limo will be assessed an amount preliminarily estimated to cover the expenses which Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact require an applicant to bear.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the above-entitled matter is hereby scheduled for public hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, February 20, 1979, in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

2. That applicant publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application and hearing in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, January 23, 1979.

3. That applicant post in each of its vehicles, conspicuously and continuously through the date of public hearing, notice of this application and hearing in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Tuesday, January 23, 1979.

2/ See Commission Regulation Nos. 51-06(a) and (b) and 51-07.

4. That applicant produce at the public hearing affidavits of said posting and publication.

5. That any person desiring to protest shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule 14, or any person desiring to be heard in this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Wednesday, February 7, 1979, and shall mail a copy of such protest or notification to counsel for applicant, Lawrence D. Levien, Esquire, Akin, Gump, Hauer & Feld, 1100 Madison Office Building, 1155 - 15th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20005.

6. That applicant is hereby assessed \$350 pursuant to Title II, Article XII, Section 19 of the Compact and directed to deliver said amount to the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than 12 noon, Tuesday, February 13, 1979.

7. That applicant file with the Commission six copies each of a current balance sheet and a projected annual revenue and revenue deductions statement for the proposed service no later than 12 noon, Tuesday, February 13, 1979, serve one copy thereof on each party of record as of Wednesday, February 7, 1979, and produce the original at the public hearing.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Gregory Paul Barth", written in a cursive style.

GREGORY PAUL BARTH
Acting Executive Director

